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Fellow members — I again urge you to pay your membership dues early. Please don't wait until you get your dues notice. Why not pay now while this reminder is fresh in your mind? If you are either a Junior or an Associate member you can save yourself some money by paying before December 31. Currently, the dues for those two categories are, respectively, $3.00 and $1.00. On January 1, 1989 the dues for both will increase to $5.00. And don't forget, if you have been a member in good standing for three or more years, you can become a Life Member for $150.00. On January 1, 1989 this advances to $200.00.

Don't forget that you, the membership, will soon be asked to elect those persons whom you wish to have lead TNA for the coming two years. Nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than January 5, 1989. Some nominations have already been made but if you plan to nominate someone you have just about a month in which to do this. I encourage you to give some very serious thought to the leadership you'd like to have for TNA during the next two years.

Last month I mentioned that the TNA Memorial Library is now functioning. If you, and or your club, would like to have a list of the books and slide sets in our library please send your request to the Librarian, Mrs. Pat Dollen, 2155 So. 1st St., Abilene, 79605. Plans are presently underway to purchase some new volumes and you will be notified as these volumes become available.

We have a relatively new member who lives in Ottine, Texas, which is near both Gonzales and Luling. Tom Corgan is his name. Several months ago, Tom offered to compile a history of TNA. In our 28 years of existence this had not been done. Some of you heard from Tom as he tried to obtain older issues of the *TNA NEWS*. The response from the membership, especially the "old timers," was less than Tom had hoped for; however, enough did respond that Tom was able to put together a very respectable TNA history. Tom, I know, spent a great many hours and a considerable amount of his personal funds on this endeavor. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Tom for undertaking this mammoth task. Tom has not asked for any recognition for this work nor has he asked for any reimbursement of monies spent. Tom, though you have said you don't want any recognition, I feel that the membership should be aware of what you have done for TNA. Thank you.

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just a short time away. But

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MAY YOUR HOLIDAY BE FILLED

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1988

NEW SWEDEN REMEMBERED

J. P. Jones
Waco, Texas

DESIGNS ON SWEDISH COMMEMORATIVES

(Photos courtesy Krause Publications, Inc.)

This year marks the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Swedes and Finns in Delaware and, once again, Sweden and Finland are joining with the United States in celebrating the event. All three countries have issued commemorative postage stamps and Sweden has struck two beautiful coins, a sterling silver 100 krona and a gold 1000 krona both designed by mint engraver Bo Thoren.

The 1000 krona is the first gold coin issued by Sweden in years. A portrait of King Carl XVI Gustaf, facing left, appears on the obverse of both coins along with the customary legend. The reverse of the 100 krona depicts the Kalmar Nyckel, the expedition's flagship, a map of New Sweden indicating the location of Fort Christina and in the field, three crowns, taken from the Swedish coat of arms, surrounded by the monogram of Queen Christina who ruled both Sweden and Finland during that period. A more detailed portrayal of the ship appears on the reverse of the 1000 krona, both coins bear the legend "Nya Sverige Delaware 1638-1988." Only 10,000 examples of the gold commemorative were struck and 150,000 of the silver.

Unfortunately a U.S. commemorative coin was not issued; however, a medal was authorized by the Kalmar Nyckel Medallion & Stamp Fund of Wilmington, proceeds from the sale have been used to build a replica of the flagship. Numerous and varied year long events are being staged by Delaware, as well as Pennsylvania and New Jersey which were originally part of the Swedish colony. On April 13, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia, along with a party of dignitaries, sailed up the Christina River in a re-enactment of the original arrival. The royal couple went on to participate in more than 400 celebrations held in several states.

This years' celebrations recall the observance of the tercentennary in 1938, when both the U. S. and Sweden struck commemorative coins.

Following the authorization of the Delaware commemorative half dollar in May 1936, a design competition was held by the Tercentennary Commission, which offered $500 for the design selected by judges John R. Sinnock and Dr. Robert T. McKenzie. From among the 40 entries they chose that of German-American artist Carl Ludwig Schmitz (1900-1967), a well known sculptor and instructor at the National Academy of Design. Among his major works are the five figures on the West facade of the U. S. Capitol.

The legislation creating the Commission also extended an invitation to Sweden and Finland, to participate in the celebration. Both countries accepted, sending delegations, exhibits, etc. Sweden issued a silver 2 kroner commemorative coin, Finland a medal and both issued commemorative stamps. Unlike its American counterpart, the Swedish coin was struck for circulation with a mintage of 505,815.

Designed by mint engraver Erik Linberg, the coin is unique in the Swedish series in that the inscriptions are in Latin rather than Swedish. The obverse bears an effigy of the king with his name and title "Gustavus V Rex." The Kalmar Nyckel, Key of Kalmar, the larger of the two ships which transported the colonists appears on the

reverse. The inscription "Nova Suecia-Suecia Memor" freely translates to "Sweden Recalls New Sweden."

During March 1937 the Philadelphia Mint struck the entire coinage of 25,015 of half dollars, which were sold through the Commission's agent, the Equitable Trust Co. of Wilmington, for $1.75 each. The balance of 4,022 was returned to the mint and melted down. The proceeds were used to help finance the celebration held in Wilmington.

Holy Trinity (Helga Trefaldighet Kyrcka) Church of Wilmington appears on the obverse, built by the Swedes in 1698 (by that time Delaware had become part of the English colony of Pennsylvania) near "The Rocks" where the original party landed. The South portico and buttresses on the north side were built circa 1740 and the tower and belfrey erected in 1802. Originally Lutheran, it became an Episcopal church in 1791 and is the oldest church in the U.S. now standing as originally built and regularly used for religious services.

(At some point during the latter half of the 19th century, Holy Trinity — along with five other churches — founded by the Swedes, came to be known as "Old Swedes.")

the reverse, no sketch or specifications of the ship were preserved and Schmitz based his design upon a model obtained from Sweden, which was patterned after ships of that period. Along with the Fogel Grip she transported the company of approximately 50 colonists, led by Peter Minuit, and a cargo of cloth, axes, knives, mirrors and jewelry, etc.

On March 29, 1638 they cast anchor at a natural wharf of rocks at what is now Fort Christina State Park in Wilmington. A monument of black Swedish granite, given by the children of Sweden in 1938, marks that historic site.

Several days later Minuit met with five sachems, chiefs of the Minquas and for an unknown sum of trinkets purchased the land that now comprises the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The colony had a brief existence of only 17 years and was terminated by the Dutch in New Amsterdam, just as it was beginning to develop. Its boundaries had always been in dispute, both with the English and the Dutch in New Amsterdam. The controversy with the Dutch was aggravated by their rivalry for the fur trade, but their mutual dislike for the English and the two countries' common interest in the Thirty Year's War, etc., caused them to maintain a formal friendship.

The erection of Fort Casmir by the Dutch at a strategic point on the Delaware River led to an attack by the Swedes in 1654, which was successful due mainly to the lack of gun powder. By the next year, however, the Dutch had received reinforcements and on August 31 their fleet sailed up the river retaking the Fort and moving on to Ft. Christina. Following a siege of 13 days the Swedes surrendered without a shot having been fired.

Most of the Swedish colonists remained and they and their descendants were to leave their imprint on the state and nation. Perhaps the least known contribution being the construction of the first log cabins. Two of their descendants played

major roles during the formative years of the U.S.: John Hanson presided over the Continental Congress (1781-82) and John Morton was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence."

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Numerous articles on the coins, and books on New Sweden.

FEBRUARY 1 IS DEADLINE FOR CLUB SALUTE ENTRY

It soon will be time for Texas coin clubs to submit resumes on 1988 activities for eligibility in the annual Club Salute award.

If the TNA club representative or secretary does not take the initiative to send in the club entry, we hope there is a volunteer in your group to take on the project. Nice awards for first, second and third places are furnished by Austin Coin Club and your club just might take home one of them.

Send all entries to **TNA NEWS** Editor, P.O. Box 100134, San Antonio, 78201. Deadline is February 1, 1989.

Please include the following in all entries:

1. Name of club and how many members in good standing.
2. When and where club meetings are held.
3. Types of programs usually held. Describe any special program held during the year and name any special guests.
4. Are numismatic exhibits a part of club meetings? Give details on any exhibit for special events or civic functions.
5. Describe any charitable activities and or donations to local civic projects.
6. Describe how club meetings and coin shows, if any, are publicized.
7. Have any special honors been bestowed on any member or the club?
8. Describe any efforts the club has made to further and encourage numismatics, and to increase interest in the club. Include the club's effort to increase membership in the club and TNA.
9. In what way does your club encourage junior membership, not only in club activities, but also in TNA.
10. Give name and address of the TNA club representative.

BUILD A LIBRARY

By Col. Bill Murray, NLG
San Antonio, Texas

Build a Library.

Q. David Bowers in his book ***High Profits From Rare Coin Investment*** tells us, "If you plan to spend a few hundred dollars or more on rare coins then I strongly recommend that you subscribe to several different magazines, join the American Numismatic Association, start a library, and learn all you can about coins ... There is no substitute for knowledge ... The coin investors who have done the best over the years have been the ones with the most knowledge, the ones who took the time to learn about what they were buying."

Bowers' aims this book at the investor, but a pure collector, if any exist anymore, surely must want to know as much as possible about what he collects.

What books should you buy? Club members have a variety of collecting interests, but whatever you collect, as a resident of the USA, and a coin collector, you should own the famous "Redbook" (A Guide Book of United States Coins, by Richard S. Yeoman). It has been said that if you know all that is in the "Redbook," you will know more about U.S. coins than many, maybe most, coin dealers. It's probably true, and we're talking about the words in the book, not the numbers. Read the "reading," and you may be surprised at what you'll learn.

At the next club meeting, talk to your neighbors. Ask what they collect, then ask what references they have found most useful. Just 20 years ago, few good numismatic references were available. Today you can find many. Most numismatic subjects are covered, some in great depth, others peripherally. Ask your local coin dealer what books he has or can get for you.

Books aren't cheap today, but believe it, if you spend money on coins, you'll save the price of a good, properly selected book on coins many times over.

We say again. Build a library.

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(The above article first appeared in the ***Gateway Coin Club Newsletter,*** *San Antonio.)*

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you still have time to locate a numismatic item for that favorite collector of yours. Numismatic reference material always makes a timely and welcome gift. Most of us realize that you can't have too many reference books in your personal library.

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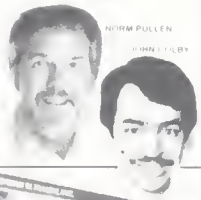

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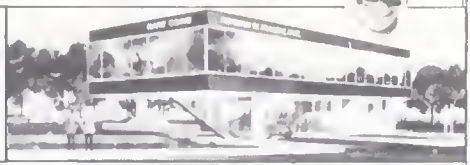

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At the time of this writing, Halloween is just around the corner and by the time this is in print all that is left of Thanksgiving will be only the good memories and those few newly acquired pounds we are trying to lose.

Greater Houston Coin Club, under the able direction of Carl Fogarty, has instituted a new idea and one which I believe would be good for TNA to consider. The junior members are now engaged in the writing of essays for competition. These essays are to be judged by a number of us who have written and have had articles published. TNA could also present something of this nature and could offer some desirable prizes to the winners. Since the contest is to be literary in nature, I feel that prizes in the literary field could be offered. I am a firm believer that one cannot have too many books covering a various number of fields. Everyone knows that my first love is ancient coins. However, few know that I dabble in the field of German ***Notgeld*** and transportation tokens. For this reason I have a book by Lamb and one by Atwood covering both subjects.

The Greater Houston Money Show is now just some 90 days away.

The Greater Houston Money Show is now just some 90 days away. The exhibits chairman, Bernard Loebe, is in need of more exhibits. I am planning to be an exhibitor this year. Being a judge is, indeed, a thankless task. I am well aware as I was certified as an ANA judge in 1966 at the ANA's 75th convention. The end result is that only one person wants to kiss the judge (the one who wins first place) while all the others want to kick the judge (whose who do not win first place). Believe me when I say that I know both sides of the fence. My first exhibit was in Coin Week of 1958. I still have the certificate that was given ... not the greatest award ... just the first.

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The Clements Coin Club has actively sponsored several events the past few weeks: one being an essay contest entitled "Yes, I can remember my Numismatic Start."

Many members participated and submitted essays. The winners of the contest are as follows: 1st place, Darren Davis; 2nd place, Kwan Shek; and 3rd place, Anthony Fischer. Prizes consisted of a 1988 proof set for 1st place, 1988 mint set for 2nd place and 1989 Red Book for 3rd place.

Good news for the students of Kempner, the new high school in Sugar Land. The principal of Kempner has given approval for the establishment of a coin club at the high school. The Kempner Coin Club will operate in conjunction with the Clements Club. Kempner will be the sister club of Clements. The establishment of the Kempner club has generated interest amongst other local schools, including an elementary school in Bellaire. Hopefully, in the future we will have more good news to share about the organization of other coin clubs in learning institutions (SCHOOLS).

Blake Clampffer, a junior member, has been working very hard trying to obtain a Boy Scout Merit Badge by putting together a type set of U.S. coins. Blake and I worked together to meet the rigorous criterion. Congratulations to Blake.

On a final note I would like to wish each and everyone "Happy Holidays."

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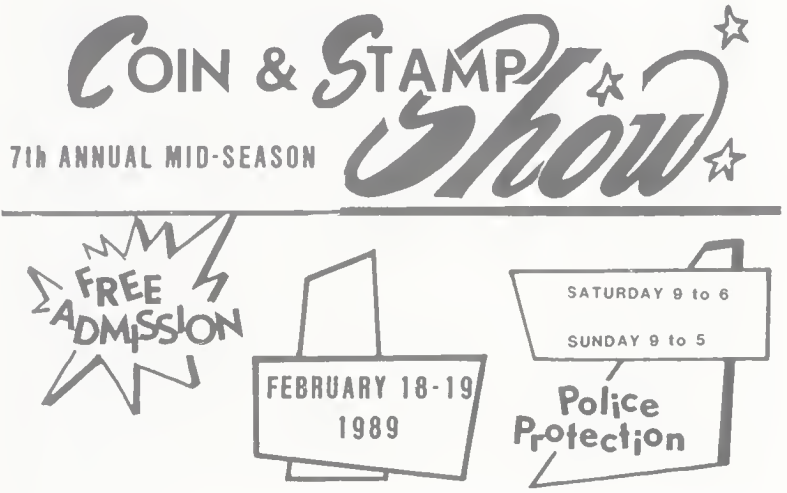

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Over the past several months, many of our Young Numismatists have been busy working with the Bronze Medal Project. Hearty congratulations to Anthony Fischer, our sixth YN to complete all eight activities of the project and becomes the latest recipient of an Alamo silver medal.

As you know, December 31 is the deadline for submitting Bronze Medal Project activity forms. YNs, if you have completed any project activities and haven't mailed in your forms, mail them in today.

The Project has been very successful, and the success of the project can be gauged by the number of Young Numismatists involved and the number of adult members, officers and TNA dealers who supported this endeavor. Seventeen YNs have participated as of October 31. Six Alamo silver medals have been awarded to YNs who completed all the requirements of the project. One hundred and fifty-four bronze medals have been earned by YNs working with the project. The YNs have also received bonus gifts which were donated. They included coins, tokens, cachets, numismatic books and related items.

This undertaking has been a most gratifying experience. This project was designed specifically for Young Numismatists as a means to keep them interested and involved in numismatics, as well as to promote our TNA medals. This afforded the Young Numismatists an opportunity to work in several areas of numismatics to earn their medals and gain valuable experience in researching, speaking, writing, exhibiting, etc. It is my hope that this effort will lead to continued interest in these areas.

My sincere appreciation to all the YNs, Mac Kennady, Miriam Gilmore, TNA dealers, district governors, and all others who supported and helped with the Bronze Medal Project.

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TNA NEWS Ads	226.00	
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Interest on Checking Account	28.65	
Interest on L.M. Savings	69.86	
Donation to TNA (Library Fund) from Norma Mather (Memorial - Glenn Littrell)	10.00	
TNA Medal Sales	66.50	473.01
		9,923.83
DISBURSEMENTS:		
TNA Secretary Allowance Petty Cash	274.59	
Postage-Dues Notices	300.00	
TNA News Editor Allowance Petty Cash	330.00	
River Oaks Printing	3,125.70	
Frank Galindo (Medal Expense)	7.50	
Donation to A.N.A. Youth Fund	100.00	4,137.79
		5,786.04
Balance on Hand as of Oct. 31, 1988		5,786.04*

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JANUARY 27-29
GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB, annual show, Adams Mark Hotel. **CONTACT:** Club, Box 2963, Houston 77001.

FEBRUARY 11
HIDALGO COIN CLUB, coin show, Ranchero Village Recreation Hall, 1900 S. Bridge Ave., Weslaco. **CONTACT:** Rod Bates, Box 13052, Port Isabel 78578, 512 943-1050.

FEBRUARY 18-19
7TH ANNUAL MID-SEASON COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, Fort Worth. **WHITE:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth 76180, 817 485-1777.

FEBRUARY 24-26
INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB, annual show, Rodeway Inn, Bassett Center, El Paso. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3535, El Paso 79923.

MARCH 4-5
GATEWAY COIN CLUB, coin & stamp show, Seven Oaks Hotel, 1400 Austin Hiway, San Antonio. **WRITE:** Club, Box 12964, San Antonio 78212.

MARCH 4-5
HUNT COUNTY COIN CLUB, annual show, Wright Park Community Center, Hiway 69 S., Greenville. **WRITE:** Club, 1826 N. Wharton, Sherman 75090.

MARCH 10-12
DALLAS-FT. WORTH METROPLEX SPRING COIN EXPOSITION, Irving Convention Center, Hiway 183. **CONTACT:** Paul Garner, Box 224584, Dallas 75222, 214 262-4491 Evenings.

MARCH 11-12
SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Civic Center. Details later.

APRIL 1-2
WACO COIN CLUB, annual show Civic Center. Details later.

APRIL 15-16
SEMI-ANNUAL COIN & STAMP SHOW, Rodeway Inn at Six Flags. **WRITE:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth 76180, 817 485-1777.

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TEXAS District Meetings

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DISTRICT I —

Mario Johnson announced his resignation as TNA District 1 governor at the **Stephenville Coin Club** meeting held at the Golden Corral Steak House. Nominations for that office will be made at the next meeting.

Bill Stem gave a program on U.S. nickels and Morse Ross conducted a question and answer session on "Coin Facts." During another meeting, Ross reviewed the early colony money and the three cent silver.

An auction is held at each meeting with Royce Carpenter in charge. Guests have been Tiffany Prater and Steve Crump.

— Jo Stem, Sec.

DISTRICT II —

The members who attended the meeting of the **Midland Coin Club** saw a video presentation on grading U. S. coins provided by the American Numismatic Assn. The video outlined the basic aspects of grading, strike, luster, eye appeal, bag marks, etc., and showed examples of various popular design types in the grade categories from G-4 through MS-67.

Charles Green
Governor

Major items in the auction included a partial set of Indian Head cents, a BU Mercury dime and numerous mint sets.

— Gayland Stehle, Sec.

DISTRICT III —

Rodney McClintock was nominated at the **Key City Coin Club** meeting to serve out the unexpired term as TNA District 3 governor following the resignation of Dick Dollen. Nine members and one guest attended the meeting in Abilene.

Club officers were also nominated — Russell Souders, president; Mark Ellis, Tom Copeland, 1st vice president; Bob Kirkley, Dick Dollen, 2nd vice president; and Marylu Megginson, Connie Copeland, secretary-treasurer.

Dollen and McClintock fielded questions from the floor on numismatics. **— Pat Dollen, Sec.**

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Reports on the 1988 coin show sponsored by **San Angelo Coin Club** were given at the meeting held at Central National Bank. It was noted that attendance had increased over the 1987 show.

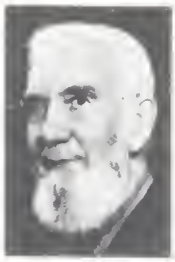
Club members voted to donate $100 to the Texas Coin Dealers

Association to assist in furthering legislation concerning a change in taxes on precious metals and gold coins.

Floyd Sims received an award from the ANA for his participation in National Coin Week.

— **Kay Jones, Sec.**

DISTRICT IV —



Dr Robert Greenwood
Governor

A committe was appointed to make suggestions on disbursement of excess funds in the Treasury of **Capital City Coin Club** of Austin. It was decided to furnish each school in surrounding School Districts with a Red Book and to give several numismatic references to the Public Library.

Plans were discussed for the 1989 coin show set for June 10-11 at the Austin Airport Hilton. Twenty-five attended the meeting at the County Courthouse.

— **Louis F. Janosek, Sec.**

DISTRICT VI —

Chris Johns
Governor

Election of officers for 1989 and the annual Christmas party were planned for the December meeting of **Ricebelt Coin Club** of El Campo. Also planned was a mini auction.

Walt Mehnert, program chairman, asked the junior members to display some of their collections and to give a bit of history about what they collected. Taking part were Brian Hubenak, Chris Jones, G. P. Conner, Jennifer Johnson, Lauren Shofner and Terry Payne.

Leo Roush gave the history of Trade dollars, the dates and their circulation into the orient. Door prizes were given to G. P. Conner and Terry Payne, junior members. Johnnie Bartosh furnished refreshments.

— **Grace Vaclavick, Sec.**

Members of **Bellaire Coin Club** were urged to attend the November 7 meeting as plans for the annual Christmas party were to be formulated. Also planned at both November meetings was the usual auction and games.

Fred Baker and A.J. Lanier were honored with plaques in appreciation of their dedicated work at the 1988 coin show.

— **Newsletter.**

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Carl Fogarty was nominated by the **Greater Houston Coin Club** as a candidate for the TNA District 6 governorship in the 1989 TNA election. The present TNA governor, Chris Johns, announced her plans to be a candidate for the office of TNA secretary, as did Gerald Kendall, who also announced his plans to seek the office of TNA president. The club endorsed them in their endeavor.

The governing board of GHCC informed the membership that a mail auction would be included in the monthly newsletter. Under consideration is a change in the age limit that juniors could apply for

membership. The present age limit is 11 years of age.

Norman Odell suggested that the club needs an open discussion to acquaint new members with the interests of other members, so the group took turns introducing themselves and telling a bit about their collecting interests.

— **DoubleShift.**

DISTRICT VII —

Frank Galindo
Governor

The annual Christmas party hosted by **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio will be held on December 10 at the Mayfair Apartments party room. Plans are also progressing for the March 4-5 coin show at Seven Oaks Hotel.

Robin Ellis presented a program on the Banks of Happiness and Prosperity cards and Karla Galindo gave a mini program. An auction was held at a previous meeting.

— **Gatepost.**

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A study of the commemorative half dollar issued to honor the landing and settlement of the Pilgrims took place at the **Alamo Coin Club** meeting held at The Kettle, Vance Jackson & IH10. Also discussed was the banquet which became the forerunner of our Thanksgiving celebration.

Another program at a recent meeting was about grading quarter dollars, particularly the Standing Liberty and George Washington from about good, up to the highest uncirculated condition.

— **Newsletter.**

DISTRICT VIII —

Ouida Davis
Governor

Final plans were made for the Fall coin show sponsored by **Corpus Christi Coin Club** on November 5-6. It was held at La Quinta Royal Motor Inn with Larry Glenn as general chairman. Bill Bailey was bourse chairman and all members were urged to assist in arrangements.

During program time, Tom Jasek gave a program on the Mexican 10 centavos. He showed posters with locations of the Mexican mints and where certain coins were minted. Ralph Watters won the door prize. Refreshments were furnished by Mary Wray.

— **Newsletter.**

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Kingsville Coin Club members made final plans for the coin show and exhibit at the Southgate Mall. It was voted to make a donation to the American Cancer Society in memory of Glen Littrell

The **Beeville Coin Club** heard a show report when members met at Shorties Restaurant. A donation of $100.00 was made to the United Way and members were treated to a free lunch. The club meets the first Sunday of the month at Shorties, 12 noon.

— **David A. Burke, Reporter.**

DISTRICT IX —

E. L. Pitzer
Governor

Members of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock elected officers for 1989 and they will be installed during the Christmas party in December.

E. L. Pitzer has been nominated for another term as TNA governor of District 9.

Judge Rod Shaw won the door prize and Herman Jacobs and Hansen Ling conducted the auction. Meetings are held at Precinct #1 Club House. Twenty-five attended the last meeting.

— E. L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.

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A general discussion about the price differences between mint state grades of silver dollars was held at the **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield

Nine members enjoyed refreshments following a short business meeting. E. L. Pitzer and D. O. Joplin were door prize winners.

— E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.

DISTRICT X —

Walt Woelper
Governor

Progress reports on the 1989 TNA convention, and the local annual coin show were given at the meeting of **International Coin Club** of El Paso. Walt Woelper reported on the TNA convention in April and a discussion was held on the annual show at the Rodeway Inn, Bassett Center, February 24-26.

Bill Sparks talked to the group of 27 on promoting the El Paso Bi-Centennial celebration for the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

The club meets at El Paso Teachers Assn. Bldg., 6632 Continental Dr.

— John & Florence Berger, P.R. Committee.

DISTRICT XIII —

Raymond L. Whelborn
Governor

Bill Howard presided over an auction that saw 35 lots go under the hammer at the meeting of **Greenbelt Coin Club** held at Olney Savings Hospitality Room in Vernon. Twenty members attended.

Logan Essex of Wichita Falls gave a report on recent coin shows followed by refreshments.

— Carl Flores, Sec.

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Sixteen attended the meeting of **Red River Coin Club** in Iowa Park which was devoted to the November 19-20 coin show. In October Nancy Lemmond organized several members to man a booth at one of the Malls to generate interest in the show.

Robbie Robinson conducted the auction.

— Reggie Hofmaier, Pres.

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Gene Wheeler gave a talk on how to protect your coins from theft at the **Seymour Coin Club** meeting with 17 present. He spoke on how to

safeguard your material, and inventory your collection for claims purposes in case a loss is incurred.

Ray Whyborn conducted a 15-question coin quiz. First time visitor Bill Gann tied with Wheeler for the top prizes for having 13 correct answers. All participants were given a coin for completing the test. All prizes were donated by Marlin Lenheart of Upland, Calif.

Gann, G. C. Laney and Retha Holcomb joined the club and junior visitors were Seth Warren and Braig Bickley.

— **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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TNA Governor Ray Whyborn presented the TNA Memorial Library book and slide set list to **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club** president, Tom Curran, and explained how to obtain reference material. He suggested that the club try an educational program using the TNA slides.

Whyborn and Ralph Hardeman won the door prizes and Connally O'Brien conducted the 38-lot auction of stamps, U.S. and World coins.

— **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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The **Cotton Country Coin Club** of Rule, after only a few months of operation, now has 25 paid up members, more are joining the club and also TNA. Delvin J. Vernon is the newest club member to join TNA.

The last meeting was devoted to the ladies in attendance. Each lady was given a choice of a 1964 Kennedy half dollar or a Walking Liberty half. Most of the eight ladies selected the Walking Liberty!

Jimmie Collier, club president, gave a short talk on the Kennedy half dollar series, citing mintage figures and explaining why the series would be ideal for new or young collectors. The meeting adjourned after the auction conducted by Bill Gann.

— **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

DISTRICT XIV —

A numismatic quiz was presented by Mike DiGennaro at the meeting of **Hidalgo Coin Club** of the Rio Grande Valley. The club meets in San Juan at Peoples Church.

Helen Snider
Governor

After the quiz, the contents were discussed by members and, after grading, Rod Bates was declared the winner. The prize of a 2-ounce silver round was donated to the club by Bates to be auctioned for the club's benefit.

Bates reported that plans for the coin show on February 11 were coming along nicely. The show will take place at Ranchero Village Recreation Hall in Weslaco.

Daniel Johnson of Alamo became the newest junior member of the club and the club will sponsor Daniel for TNA. Allen Prasek, also a junior member, won the door prize.

— **Helen Snider, Gov. Dist. 14.**

DISTRICT XV —

Dewey L. Scott
Governor

Attendance has been low at meetings of **Greater Orange Coin Club** meetings and members are encouraged to attend meetings.

Program topics for the past few months include Confederate currency, Civil War commemorative coins, old silver coins that were melted down and modern-day proof sets.

Roland Atchan recently joined the club. Auctions have been conducted by Jerry Williams and Sid King.

— **Bill Stein, Reporter.**

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The **Beaumont Coin Club** meeting in September was cancelled due to the threat of Hurricane Gilbert and in October a report was given on the coin show and final plans were made for the "big" annual auction in November.

— **Kaye Brown, Sec.**

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DID YOU SIGN UP A NEW TNA MEMBER IN 1988?

Those attending the **Silsbee Coin Club** meeting heard a program on the history of the Greek Olympic games and the coins commemorating them. Jerry Williams gave an overview of the history, stating the games began in 776 B.C. and evolving into the games we know today. Coins had become popular in Greece by the year 480 B.C. when the first Olympic coins were issued. They have now become big business and are very collectable.

Art Larkin, Zeke Provost and Bob Jenkins were selected as a committee to name the Outstanding Club Member for the year and George Thornhill volunteered to make arrangements for the annual holiday party on December 27.

Scheduled for the next meeting was a slide presentation on coin grading by Larkin.

— **Newsletter.**

DISTRICT XVIII —

A Trade Night replaced the regular meeting of **Waco Coin Club** with members bringing coins and currency to trade or sell. Some set up bourse tables and others brought coins that they wished to upgrade. An auction concluded the evening's activities.

The club meets the 2nd Thursday at T. P. & L. Center, 3600 Franklin in Waco.

— **J.P. Jones, Reporter.**

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